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The Tell-Tale Heart

By Edgar Allan Poe

**Use the text to answer each question.**

1. Who does the heart actually belong to?

2. What does the story’s title mean?

3. The narrator claims he is not “mad.” What text evidence do we have that he ***is*** mad? **Use 3 quotes from the story to show your answer.**

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4. How does the narrator feel about the old man? **Give at least 2 specific statements from the text in your answer.**

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5. *How does the text describe* the appearance of the old man’s eye?

6. What does the narrator do with the dead man’s body?

7. The narrator visits the old man's bedroom every night for seven nights before killing him on the eighth night. What occurs on the eighth night that finally causes him to commit the act?

8. Think of one word to describe how the narrator feels about the act he has committed?

Picture in your head what he looks like as he is explaining this to the police. (What does his demeanor show the reader about his emotions?)

**Use a-h to answer the following questions**

9. Plot Sequencing

Write a number, 1-8, on each line to show the order in which the events happened in the story.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ a. The narrator opens the lantern and sees that the old man’s eye is open.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ b. Police come to the door because neighbors heard the old man’s cry.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ c. The narrator kills the old man.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ d. The noise of the beating heart finally makes the narrator tell the police what he’s done.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ e. The narrator claims he is not mad and will prove it by telling his story.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ f. The narrator becomes frightened by the old man’s eye.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ g. The narrator welcomes the police officers and invites them to sit and talk.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ h. The narrator cuts up the old man’s body and hides the parts under the floor.

10. Which two events above are part of the story’s **introduction**? Write the corresponding letter.

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11. Which event is the **climax**- the most exciting part or the turning point of the story? Write the corresponding letter.

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12. Which six events are part of the **rising action**? Write the letters in the order that the events happened.

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DURING READING- PREDICTION QUESTIONS

FOR THE TELL-TALE HEART BY EDGAR ALLAN POE

Title: Based on the title, predict what you think this story will be about?

First paragraph: Who do you think the narrator is speaking to?

Third and fourth paragraphs: Write down what you think the author means by

“my work.”

Fifth paragraph: Why doesn’t the narrator leave when he realizes the old man is awake?

Tenth and eleventh paragraphs: Whose heart do you think the narrator heard and why?

Thirteenth and fourteenth paragraphs: How does the narrator react when the police arrive? How do you explain the reaction?

End of story: Were any of your original predictions about the

story correct?

Do you think the heart was really beating at the end? Explain your answer.